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* 20 Q.—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister to Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of weavers' co-operative societies that have applied for theintroduction of power-looms till date; and

(b) thenumber of societies for which permissionhas been granted till date?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Fifty-one primary weavers' co-operative societies have applied for permission to install power-looms.

(b) Permission to install power-looms has not been granted to any society.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, what is the reason for not giving the permission so far? Is it due to the particular decision of the Central Government or the State Government?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : It is in pursuance of the policy whichhas been presented to the Government of India by the handloom weavers interest themselves. So far as this State Government are concerned, no decision has been taken.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether this Government will decide in favour of, or against, the introductionof thepower-looms?

The Hon. Sri R.VENKATARAMAN : I suppose, Sir, prophecy is no part of the politician's duty.

Sugarcane

* 24 Q.—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the cane growers of Nellikuppam about the refusal to take the full yield of sugarcane by the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Nellikuppam; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India were addressed in the matter and they have since allotted an additional production quota of 3,000 tons of sugar for this factory.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : இப்போது அது எந்தநிலையில் இருக்கிறது ? விவசாயிகள் விளைவிக்கும் எல்லா கரும்புகளையும் ஆலையில் எடுத்துக்கொள்வதாக அரசாங்கம் தீர்மானம் செய்து அதன்படி எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறார்களா ? இன்னும் பழையமாதிரி ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட அளவுதான் எற்றுக்கொள்வார்கள் என்ற நிலையில் இருக்கிறதா என்பதை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN: அந்தத் தகவல் இப்போது என்னிடத்தில் இல்லை.